

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 7-22 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been withdrawn without prejudice to future prosecution. Process claim 22 has been amended to depend on product claim 17. Thus, no new matter is added by this amendment.

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 26, 2006, Applicants elect Group II, claim 17, drawn to Factor VIII:C.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the four groups set forth by the Examiner are linked by a single general inventive concept. Each of the four groups set forth by the Examiner stem from the general inventive concept of Factor VIII:C.

As the Examiner has noted, Groups II and IV are related as product and process of use and Groups II and III are related as products and process of use. The process claims of Group III (*i.e.*, claims 18-20) are dependent on the product claim of Group II (*i.e.*, claim 17). The process claims of Group IV (*i.e.*, claims 21-22) are also dependent on the product claim of Group II (*i.e.*, claim 17).

Applicants further request that upon allowance of the product claim, the Examiner consider rejoinder of withdrawn process claims if they are embraced by the allowed product claims as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (*see, e.g.*, MPEP § 821.04(b)).

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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